

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The presently claimed process involves producing a colored fine particulate resin which includes, in part, forming the particulate resin by injecting molten resin through small openings of a porous or multi-opening material or by a nozzle or by spraying into a non-dissolving medium followed by cooling. The claimed process is not taught or suggested by the cited reference (Lerman, U.S. 3,449,291).

Lerman describes a process for preparing colored spherical thermoplastic powders. The process involves vigorously agitating a thermoplastic in water above the melting point of the thermoplastic. The process described in Lerman depends upon a mixing mechanism to form the thermoplastic powder. In contrast, the presently claimed process utilizes an injection process through small openings of a porous or multi-opening material or by a nozzle or by spraying. Lerman does not teach or suggest this type of process; and therefore, the presently claimed process would not have been obvious over Lerman. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Lerman.

In light of the above remarks contained herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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